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Dear Chairman Forese,

Please help me. It is my understanding that APS is proposing that all solar customers be forced to have a smart meter. My wife and I are retired and opted out of the smart meter program primarily due to concerns about the health hazards of smart meter radiation. We wanted to be good environmental citizens, so had solar panels installed a year ago with the understanding that we could have a digital non-transmitting meter. Had we not been able to have a non-transmitting meter with our solar panels, we would not have purchased them.

We are convinced that a smart meter would be detrimental to our health. We cannot accept living with one on our home. Because of ACC advocacy, we have had the right to opt out of a smart meter and are very grateful for that! But if APS forces us to have a smart meter because we are solar, what are we to do? Are we expected to remove our solar panels and lose our substantial investment in them? Are we expected to sell the home we have lived in for 28 years and find somewhere else to live?

After we have entered into a long term investment in solar panels, it is unfair for APS to change the rules and say that we must have a smart meter...and I hear it is not one but two smart meters that will have to be installed! APS has been successfully functioning for many years without forcing every solar panel customer to have a smart meter. It is likely that the vast majority of solar customers already have smart meters, and that APS has methods to anticipate the power added to their grid by the minority of solar customers who have opted out of smart meters.

APS has proposed to grandfather the net metering rates for existing solar customers for 20 years. Please insist they grandfather the smart meter opt-out of existing solar customers, as well.

Sincerely,
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